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MAY 2005

SNAIL General Meeting *Thursday – May 5th*

This month our meeting will be devoted to planning upcoming events. There will be no speaker.

Location: Columbia Middle School
Staff Lounge
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome.



City Transportation Planner Dieckmann Cogill, reviewing a pedestrian/ bicycle bridge proposed for the intersection of Borregas and Ahwahnee. SNAIL meeting, April 7, 2005.

Dumpster Day Is Upon Us! **Call for Volunteers**

Folks, this will be the last opportunity we have to remind you of our SNAIL Dumpster Day and Yard Sale Weekend coming up on Saturday, June 4th and 5th. We still need volunteers to monitor what goes in the dumpster and to collect items that can be sold at our yard sale. If you have a **pickup truck, or a van**, we could use your help in getting things from the dumpsters to the yard sale. Please volunteer by **May 10** by contacting Bob Cheney at dumpster@snail.org or 734-5869.

We also need volunteers to make the Yard Sale event go smoothly. We need **sorters and pricers** evenings 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 31st to Friday, June 3rd, and also on Saturday morning. We need **helpers** to serve the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. We need **several long tables** to hold the sale items. Please call Connie at 739-8490 to volunteer.

Health & Safety Fair *Saturday – May 14th*

Columbia Neighborhood Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
See the flyer for more details.

SNAIL Dinner Night Out *Wednesday – May 25th*

This month we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Cabritos Mexican Bistro. RSVP Jeannie at 734-0739.

Location: Cabritos Mexican Bistro
685 E. El Camino Real
(East of Fair Oaks)
Time: 6:45 p.m.



Site of the proposed pedestrian bridge. The ramp would rise along the sound wall, from left to right.

Borregas Avenue Bicycle Corridor Project

Dieckmann Cogill from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Works was our guest speaker at the April general meeting. She discussed the Borregas Avenue Bicycle Corridor Project and answered many questions. Due to budget concerns, not much has happened since she last spoke at a 2001 SNAIL meeting. The project will most likely begin construction in 2007 and be completed by 2009. The estimated project cost is \$6.5 million. 80% of that is funded through the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle Expenditure Program, 20% is funded through the City's Transportation Mitigation Fund. The City has applied for additional grant funding to cover the City's 20%. The project is still in the early planning phase, which means that the decision has been made to build a bridge here, and the basic design of the bridge has been determined, but decisions not yet been made regarding the environmental analysis, and details of construction and engineering. The City will conduct additional public outreach as part of the Environmental Analysis sometime within the next 6-8 months.

The meeting was well attended. Several new faces showed up, many of whom expressed opinions unfavorable to the project. Noting that the proposed pedestrian ramp entrance is across Ahwahnee, a busy street, some expressed concerns about hazards to children and bicyclists, leading to further restrictions on traffic flow. Concern was also expressed about litter, loss of privacy for nearby neighbors, and security at the new shops that are planned for the corner.

We solicit letters to the Editor on all issues related to this project. Send letters to editor@snail.org or the SNAIL P.O. Box (above).

Local Crime Statistics

Here are the number of reported crimes in the SNAIL neighborhood last year (2004). These statistics include crimes as originally reported to the Police. Some of these reported crimes may have turned out to be unfounded, or may have been reclassified. Nevertheless, the numbers are instructive.

Auto Theft	42
Auto Burglary	34
Aggravated Assault	10
Residential Burglary	7
Grand Theft	5
Rape	3
School Burglary	3
Robbery	2
Commercial Burglary	2
Homicide	0

2004 Tip-A-Cop Dinner

Thursday – May 19th

Spoons Restaurant, 725 South Fair Oaks. This fundraising event supports the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Northern California Special Olympics. More information: 730-7140.

Organic Produce

Organic produce returns to the neighborhood. Call Georgina at 745-7693 for more information.

Founders' Corner

"There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering."

Theodore Roosevelt

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